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OF

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### JAMES' SPECIFICATION.

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME**, I, ROBERT JAMES, of the Parish of Saint James, Westminster, Doctor in Physick, send greeting.

**WHEREAS** His most Excellent Majesty King George the Second, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the Thirteenth day of November, in the twenty-first year of His reign, did give and grant unto me, the said Robert James, His especial licence, that I, the said Robert James, during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and His Majestie's Colonies and Plantations in America, my Invention of "A POWDER AND PILL, WHICH IN A FEW HOURS, AND WITH A VERY FEW DOSES, MOST EFFECTUALLY CURE ACUTE FEVERS OF ALL KINDS;" in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso obliging me, the said Robert James, by a writing under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within three kalendar months after the date of the said recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more at large appear.

**NOW KNOW YE**, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Robert James, do hereby declare that the said Invention is to be performed in the manner following (that is to say):—

#### THE POWDER.

Take antimony, calcine it with a continual, long protracted heat in a flat unglazed earthen vessell, adding to it from time to time a sufficient quantity

of any animal oyl and salt well dephlegmated; then boil it in melted nitre for a considerable time and seperate the powder from the nitre by dissolving it in water.

THE PILL.

Take quicksilver, make an amalgama with equal parts of the marcial regulus of antimony and pure silver, adding a proportionable quantity of sal ammoniac; distill off the mercury by a retort into a glass receiver; then, with this quicksilver, make a fresh amalgama with the same ingredients; distill again, and repeat this operation nine or ten times; then dissolve this mercury in spirit of nitre, put it into a glass retort, and distill to dryness; calcine the caput mortuum till it becomes of a gold colour, burn spirit of wine upon it, and keep it for use. It is impossible for any one that does not see or attend to the process to specify the precise dose, because the medicines will be stronger or weaker, according as the process is conducted. In general thirty grains of the antimonial powder and one grain of the mercurial powder is a moderate dose, though sometimes more, sometimes less, is required.

In witness whereof, I, the said Robert James, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Eleventh day of February, One thousand seven hundred and forty-seven.

ROBERT JAMES.

THURSTON.

**AND BE IT REMEMBRED,** that on the Eleventh day of February, the aforesaid Robert James came before our Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the aforesaid Writing, and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above said. And the said Writing was stamped according to the Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King William and Queen Mary, and so forth.

Inrolled the Eleventh day of February, in the twenty-first year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Second.

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